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Thanks David.

To ensure the loop is closed, I shared an email with Olivia yesterday which went to the OA's Jack Bowles on the IOGCC & EPA Taskforces members selection. I have included it here for your information. It seems likely Casey Katims will share the contents with Janet McCabe. Please let me know if you have any questions. Taskforce member selection is up to the Administrator but I wanted to make sure you were not caught unaware.

Thanks so much.

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WELL PLUGGED: The American Petroleum Institute unveiled Monday a new industry standard for plugging old oil and gas wells, as Biden continues to make sealing up the old wells a cornerstone of his pledge to both reduce methane emissions and create jobs for union workers. The Wellbore Plugging and Abandonment standard will provide guidance for the design, placement and verification of cement plugs used in wells that will be temporarily or permanently closed, the trade association said.

The API standard “upholds state and regional environmental goals, while also supporting federal policy objectives included in the administration’s latest infrastructure plan to plug orphan wells,” API Senior Vice President of Policy, Economics and Regulatory Affairs Frank Macchiarola said in a statement.

EPA has cited estimates showing there are between two million and three million of these orphaned wells, which are typically abandoned when their production falls off or their owners go belly up.

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